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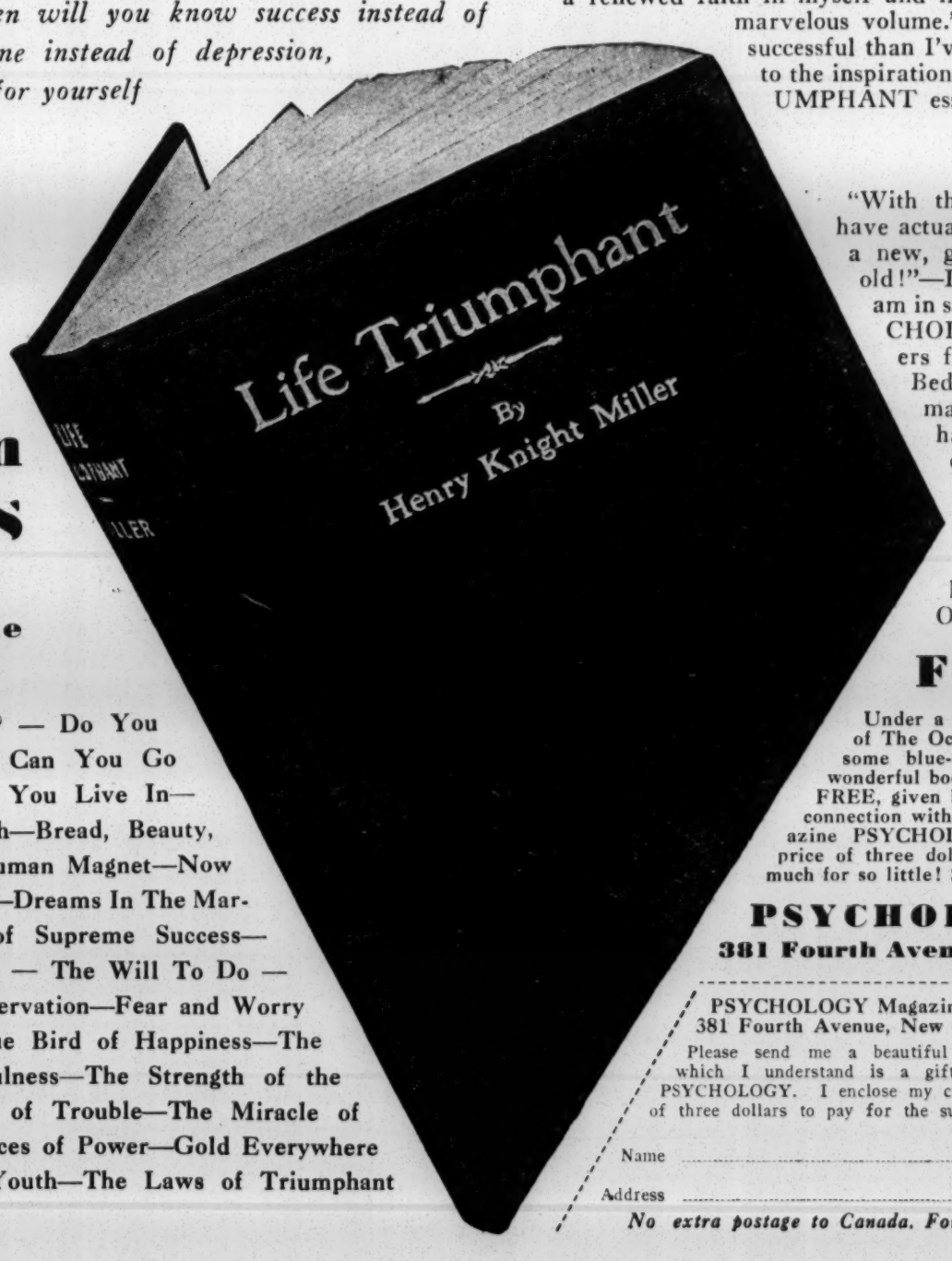

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A Chicago Attorney Who Was Drowned in the Rhine While on a Vacation in Germany in the Summer of 1926

I DO NOT regret the change—the earth life as I had experienced it. My life was an average life, full of interest—yet I have no regrets. Somehow I was adjusted, although unconscious of the adjustment. I was fully equipped and fully prepared to make the change. How I came by the equipment and clear understanding is still a mystery to me. My arguments and my briefs were quite all in favor of the opposition. I was interested in scientific questions, and in the scientific side of all questions dominating Life, but only from what I deemed a tangible, substantial execution. The churches, while I had no antagonistic views regarding them, I was never dominated by them. While I had an uncanny perception of intricate values, I attributed it to early training, experience, and study. I could not accept what I now know to be a fact—that Life continued on in its natural resources after the death of the physical body.

It is a fact, comprehended or not—accepted or scoffed at—Life is not hampered with the physical body. The physical body many times is hampered by Life, and when for any reason or cause whatsoever Life separates itself from the physical body, activities continue without a moment's loss of time by those who have accepted, or who have ability to grasp the situation in the split second which it takes to sever the connecting link holding together the physical body and the spirit body. With me the comprehension seemed always to have existed, although I could not name it or comprehend it while functioning through the physical body which men called Charles McDermott. The tangibility of what I pleased to term my new outfit amazed me and I viewed myself as one is accustomed to observe the fitness of a suit of clothes when he is outfitting himself for some great and grand occasion. Satisfying myself that I was presentable for any occasion, at any function, as a guest—or as an actor upon any occasion, I directed my attention to the problem of what I was to do and how I was to go about it. I examined my books and was quite satisfied that they balanced fairly well considering all transactions, activities, causes and circumstances, trials and decisions — all seemed to me, as a matter of fact, paid the debt of the other. Satisfying myself that I was ready for any trial, I approached the bar of Justice and learned immediately that I was my own Judge and Jury. No one but myself had a right claim against me. I was my own bondsman and signed my own decree of procedure. In fact, I discovered that the law of cause and effect is the ruler who says, "Go here—go there—do this—do that." No individual can be held accountable for the cause, but no individual escapes the penalty and all acts are adjusted according to the law of compensation which takes into consideration

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*NOTE: Charles McDermott was the editor's attorney at the time of his death.

UNIVERSE SPEAKING

EFFA E. DANELSON, *Editor*

UNITE FOR PEACE

HONORING men of other days and keeping their memories alive and their achievements before youth is very well, but men who won glory in 1776 would not be able to cope with the situation which has arisen in the last ten years. They knew nothing about International Law as we know it today. Only a man who has been active during the past twenty-five years could cope with the issues constantly arising today.

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Opportunity unequalled in the history of the world is his. He is well aware of this and is fully equipped to successfully carry his country in Honor to a VICTORY of the greatest magnitude. Other men will become great because of him and will carry on, building stronger and stronger through the years. Other Nations will recognize our humanitarian Leader and Statesmen will realize that PEACE can only come through a contented, self-supporting nation of individuals, working for the best good of their **Neighbor.**

For a Nation that has vision the victory IS WON. The whole world must be lifted out of the slums and the slums must be destroyed, not only in one nation, but in **all** nations. Powerful influences are coming to the fore—they are coming to avenge the massacre of the flower of youth of all Nations of the world. The warring factions, their cohorts and their supporters, must be annihilated. Every nation of the world MUST declare **Peace** or perish by their own sword. The man of the hour in the world today is the President of the United States. He has a greater responsibility than all the heads of other nations combined. We must stand undivided—speaking with one voice for the things that will demand and create Peace among the warring nations of the world. Reverence the dead, YES, but let us Honor the men who carry on in our own day of Progress.

EDITORIALS IN TUNE

Without Fear or Favor

Traitors

THE war in Spain was engineered by War diplomats from other countries. There is a league composed of War Monarchs. This war in Spain is what might be called "Scouting." The big men of Europe are stirring the kettle with a long stick. In wartime it would be called a "spy system." Their idea is to get as many small countries involved as possible, so that they may institute a war to stop war. They instigated the World War which was a great strategy on their part, but failed to give them what they wanted. Their plans miscarried and they withdrew. The League of Nations was only a truce. It was never intended it should do anything. Each nation was a traitor to the other. It is a ring within a ring. Every discovery—every invention that science gives to the world is immediately monopolized by these hypocritical *war lords* who are working under the mask of science.

The diplomats of Europe are making no mistakes—no false moves in an effort to embroil the Eastern Hemisphere in war. Their rage will know no bounds—their hatred and revenge will be unleashed when they discover that their cleverest plans—their subtlest methods have been forestalled and that they have fled in their terror, to escape directly into the path of the liquid fire which they have released. Just as the mad Monarchs in the past overthrew their Monarchies—just so will the mad Monarchs of the present day overthrow their Monarchies, but their reign of terror will be over and the principalities of peace will restore the nations to the people who love *peace*.

To stop War—all peace-loving nations must stop the manufacture of the weapons of war. They must use the great discoveries that are projected into the world for the BENEFIT of mankind! The leaders of peace must outlaw war by establishing peace treaties and peace councils that will work out the mandates of the peace-loving world. All posts shall become posts of neutrality. All navigable waters shall become neutral waters. All vessels shall fly their own flag, but above that shall float the flag of neutrality. The makers of war and the agitators of war must be corralled and be dethroned and dispossessed. It is not enough to cry PEACE. It is not enough to organize bands, cliques, or clubs. Nations must enact laws and go on record for peace. There must be a united world for peace. There must be no commodities for war treaties. The makers of war treaties are traitors at heart—traitors in speech and in acts. There can be no pacifists. There can be no half-way measures. Wars are a thing of the past. The future must bring peace. The flag of peace must fly from every house top—from every place of business—from every church steeple. The symbol of Liberty must stand for *liberty*. Justice must have the bandages torn from her eyes. A just and true division of the earth's riches must be made. All people of the earth must share in the abundance and fullness of earth's gifts. They must share the labor—the expense, and they must share the fruits. There can be no peace where people starve. There can be no peace where slavery abounds. There can only be peace where there is plenty and where happiness is the key that unlocks the door of peace. The makers of unjust laws shall perish by their laws. The earth and the fullness thereof belongs to the people of earth and must be preserved for the generations yet to come.

The World Is Waiting for the Fearless Teacher

THERE is no group in the world who has the courage to give out the true revealment and the logical sequence of a comprehensive relationship of Life in its entirety, free from mystery, free from apprehension.

Men and women denounce religion, they denounce the Bible, they denounce Metaphysical teaching—they denounce every progressive action of thought or of scientific reasoning, which will break down the fetters of *ignorance* and give to the world a straight line of lineage to the possibilities of Life and its inheritance. Each and every

WITH OUR TIMES

BY EFFA DANELSON

one, singly and in groups, do not want to be disturbed in their reasoning about Life and its perpetual continuity of expression or its continued natural functioning after the death of the physical body.

They have neither basic principles from which to arise nor a logical sequence on which to stand, because the *fear* trickling down through the centuries still holds them in abject terror—the road ahead of them is an uncertainty. Their trembling limbs shake the very foundation on which they stand. Their roving eyes miss the beauty of the landscape about them; their uncertain hearing robs them of the music they fain would hear—they call in vain because they do not see the *searchlight* of truth which plays like shafts of *light* all about them. They crouch in fear of the deliverer who comes to reveal the way to eternal Justice—the goal of mankind.

The truly great man stands at the door and knocks and when it is opened to him he forsakes all and enters into the stewardship of his high calling. The *Teacher* of today must fearlessly stand alone, separating the *wheat* from the *tares* as it stands in the field waiting for the harvest. There can be no compromise where *Truth* is concerned The tares *must* be weeded out, the harvest is too late. Sowing the tares—continuously sowing the tares—sacrificing the wheat, has brought humanity to the brink of destruction. Man's uncertainty —man's speculation—man's false teachings about Life has continuously brought him a harvest of tares and robbed his mind of its virtue to feed the wheat. Greater truths than have ever been spoken are waiting to be recorded for the freeing of Souls in bondage. Plain words, spoken in plain language, single meaning words cleaving the air, dispelling the *mental darkness* like a blazing light across the sky, is waiting to be written in the *text book* for the children who shall inherit the world. Like a *beacon* in a dark night, shining clearly through the fog and the rain to guide the mariner safely, THE OCCULT DIGEST stands for future generations yet to be born. Truly a mission of the Living Life—a *key* to unlock the dungeons of mortal mind.

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The *master peace star* will change the trend of man's thinking and will be felt in every country of the world. This man is directly under the influence of this star.

THE WAR GODS

By VENUS G. BOOTH

BLESSINGS of life upon them—they are not to be blamed—they, with all peoples are the result of a cycle of history covering six thousand years. We are now in the last war of the said cycle, as told by prophecy, will be fought in the air.

There are times in life when from the imagination and not the reason, should wisdom come. The Universe stands upon a mental base, grounded in mind, and that mind created what we have named "Electron"—that something elemental, spirit, ego, activity, wisdom, and will.

And the spirit of "The Little People" created by mind around our earth—heaven remains always with us: the three races occupy their place in the sun where life always comes into our physical body again and again, in earth-heaven, each according to the Master Mind, mathematically measured and weighed. Hence, nothing can be lost that is created by Mind and Life.

Now, the most terrible war ever fought in the air is raging. The War Gods, who are the chosen men of the race, must prepare for the coming crisis, for a way into the "New Era." What it is—where, how, or why—must be left "until after the battle." Vision is not capable of creating a drama equal to the last battle of a cycle of six thousand years. The law of the universe is a one head government ruled by Spiritual Vision. We must have faith in our War Gods; they are the bone and muscle of our race; with faith in the "little Spiritual Peoples" who guide them; faith in the "Mind Life"—who give to us the prophecy by which man can know the period of history is finished and fulfilled.

When the most terrible war ever fought is over, and those who are left living will dethrone the War Gods, and place upon their brows the crown of Parental Love, space free, they will then become fathers of children over whom they will be responsible to Church and State, in a nest where love-babies grow "in Peace Profound," the same as the birds, bees and ants.

THOUGHT STORM

By CHARITY WESTOVER

UNCONSCIOUSLY, in one great body, we are sending forth an S.O.S. for help. Every breath we breathe is a silent prayer for deliverance from the pitiful dilemma we have let our little world become entangled in. Even the great powerful men at the head of our nation are somewhat bewildered, wondering how we are going to come out of it. No longer are we able to wipe the mist from in front of our eyes. We move about like men in dreams. We are baffled at every turn of the road. To be honest, there doesn't seem to be a road any more, but merely a rough pathway running crookedly through the tangled jungles. Already some are calling it "mis-government."

The rich as well as the poor, the ignorant as well as the educated, are in the same condition as far as brains are concerned, all wondering what is coming next. If a few of us suggest something to try to help matters along, there are hundreds to oppose it. Like a scrapping, howling bunch of animals at bay we are fighting one another. If we could stop long enough to think clearly we might be able to think up some sort of a solution. But it seems it is impossible to raise one's consciousness above the terrific brain storm that seems to be sweeping the entire universe. No one seems to be able to offer the right kind of a solution to bring us from under the dark cloud that seemingly envelopes us. Already a great many are turning toward the Scriptures for consolation. Some even believing the world is coming to an end appear happy in the belief. Why want the world to come to an end simply because we have made a few mistakes in trying to run it? This earth seems to be a perfectly good place to live upon if we knew how to run it properly. It is we ourselves that are not quite right, so why want the earth destroyed? If our brains were functioning naturally and properly things could be re-adjusted so that conditions would be back at par. As it is we are in a panic. The world is worse than a jig-saw puzzle with some of the pieces lost.

In the past few years it seems like the majority of us have been going backward. All with the exception of a few of the more fortunate ones who are sitting tight but really not getting anywhere. The rich cannot enjoy their riches because of the discomfort of their unfortunate fellow men, although they have been trying to pass it up, but the thoughts are there nevertheless. They are worried, but are trying to keep it to themselves.

If our brains were functioning naturally and properly these evil, covetous, suspicious thoughts floating about in the atmosphere everywhere could find no place wherewith to lodge, not even for a second. As it is they have been forcing their way into the cells of our brains, into the cells from one brain into another, like busy bees flitting from flower to flower carrying the pollen, only the pollen that is being scattered from brain to brain is of a destructive nature. We all know thought is one of the most powerful forces of the universe. When we get so we can control our thoughts properly we will have nothing to worry about. Then, and not until then, will we be able to operate this little world in the way the Creator of the Universe intended we should do. But the evil thoughts have become so numerous and powerful and have so benumbed our poor brains that we have disregarded the spiritual, intelligent thoughts that are still in the atmosphere all around us. There was a time when one could relax quietly and think. But not any more in this "thought storm."

But considering all these difficulties we have one consolation. We know conditions are better than they were a few thousand years ago. Humanity has steadily been pushing forward for hundreds of years, regardless of these drawbacks; and who is to blame for these drawbacks if not ourselves?

People have been trying to figure out for the past few years what is the matter with the whole world ever since this depression began. No one seems to understand. Of course the World War never should have been. We are safe in stating that fact now without being classed as un-American. Every war we ever had, or ever will have, political or religious, sets civilization back just so many years. How then can we expect to advance if we permit these drawbacks? When we become civilized far enough so that we can prevent wars, then and not until then, will we begin to get somewhere.

We love and honor our flag, which stands for everything right, but the trouble is too many have tried to hide

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"DO YOU KNOW?"

By EDWARD EUGENE CALLERY

MY FRIEND, are you one of the many who have a leaning towards the occult sciences? Undoubtedly you are if you read this publication regularly. And are you one of those so often confused, bewildered, and disappointed with the many years given to a vast amount of reading of these same subjects? Then listen. Stop right now, and for fifteen minutes or more mentally take stock of your journey through the years. Be fair and honest with yourself. What was it you wanted? What were you searching for? DO YOU KNOW? Many cannot answer and some will be honest enough to admit they do not really know. This is what has happened. You drifted, you were intrigued with the glamorous stories of the amazing powers wielded by the adepts and certain groups of people. How you thrilled over all this; you were carried to sublime heights in a few minutes or hours of reading, while reclining comfortably upon that living-room day-bed, or easy chair of your den. Each time you read of the ability of these people to manipulate profound forces producing marvelous phenomena you were just literally lifted from the earth. But when it came to doing anything about developing these same powers in yourself you just didn't have the courage or energy to really work for the attainment or comprehension of them. You were merely entertained. You always hoped to become proficient and masterful and one day arrive at the top, but do you know or understand the first principles of the occult? It may shock you to have any one doubt that you do. I thought at one time that I had traveled far along the path merely from much reading, but I was rudely awakened from this delusion or dream after giving up my books for a time to secure some practical first hand information. To my amazement I became acquainted with people who knew a great deal more about matters called occult than I did; yet they had never made a study of it. Of course we know that at some time, perhaps in a previous life, they had given much time to the development of their latest powers. So I say again, my friend, do you know what you are about? We all need at times to be shaken. To be awakened from our slumbering in things which are illusive and in which we have the utmost faith as being truth. You were going to do great things, but upon the first real effort you gave up in despair, making excuses that you were handicapped by this and that sort of thing. In other words you re-acted negatively and forthwith began running about to every lecture you could find, spending money in an extravagant manner upon all sorts of books. Not that there is anything wrong with books and lectures. On the contrary they are quite necessary. But in some miraculous manner you expected to find the one teacher or object that would do your work for you. No one can give you occult powers. You already have them. Do you know that? It is for you to discover them and use them wisely. But you must work for them. That is the law. Do you know there are any number of people who do not know the meaning of the word occult? The first impression some folks have upon hearing this word is that of something supernatural. If you are satisfied with ghost stories and do not want to advance, that is your loss, but life is real. There is nothing ghostly about it. The dictionary tells us the word "occult" means that which is hidden. And "occultism" is the name given to the pursuit and study of hidden or invisible forces and the laws controlling them. And one of the first principles of occult matters is keen observation of life and the mastering of every-day affairs—to know yourself and the people about you. The universe then is your laboratory and the people and things both animate and seemingly inanimate, your substances to work with. Learn to observe keenly your own actions and reactions daily as well as those of others. Do these things and all work that you do, perform to the best of your ability and you will have made a good start on the path to becoming a real occultist. There is no short cut and you cannot become a master or adept in one bound. Occult forces are natural and nature never hurries growth. If she seemingly does so she is sure to balance up at some point and if you are one of those who try to rush your development, trouble and difficulties are certain to be met. A balancing of the account will be the result. Use nature as much as possible as a guide. Observe what she has accomplished. She has taken thousands of years to form continents upon which we live, and she causes humans to grow up slowly. Many things can be pointed to in nature as an example of slow growth and unfoldment. So it is not to be expected that a person can attain to adeptship in controlling or working with invisible forces over-night. It is God's way. Through effort, work, study and help from others you can make great strides. Up to a certain point you may work alone, but there comes a time when you need the aid of others, and it is here you sorely need that faculty known as discrimination, for many there are who would mislead you. There are many occult schools and teachers to help the disciple make the steep ascent, but even these, my friend, must be subjected to examination and forethought before becoming affiliated with them. Investigate them. Do not merely accept them because some friend has recommended them to you.

Some of these organizations are unworthy, belonging to the negative side of things and they will use glamorous and even fraudulent means to get your money and still keep you ignorant. So you must be very careful and observing. Occultism can guide you to a richer life if you are earnest in your pursuit of the means to accomplish this. Know what you want before setting sail upon the vast sea of occultism and remember it deals with the great world about us which we do not see with average sight, but the world we do see is the result of it. Do not drift. Work, study and remember to smile and play a little too. Do you know the latter is constructive also?

A New Year's Greeting for You

by LULA JAMES MILLER

Once again Old Father Time
  Marks the passing of a year;
And the smiling Infant Cherub
  With a New One draws quite near;
Soon the Record we have written,
  For the year no more to be,
Shall be sealed and filed securely,
  In the Realm of Memory.

It may seem the Old Year's Record,
  Has been written full with grief;
Holds too much of pain and sorrow,
  And its joys have been too brief;
So when you and I go rambling,
  Through the Realm of Memory,
We must only live the pages,
  That are pain and sorrow-free!

But we now have placed before us
  A new book with contents clear;
We must write another record,
  Which shall be another year;
Let us fill its nice clean pages,
  Full of Faith, and Hope, and Love;
Good-will toward all fellow creatures,
  Song and Praise to Heaven above.

Then, when you and I go rambling
  Through the Realm of Memory;
We shall find a lovely record,
  Which is pain and sorrow-free;
And I know the LOVING MASTER,
  Who dwells in that Mystic Land,
Shall sustain us with His blessings,
  Lend to us His Helping Hand!

Prophetic Dreams: Past, Present and Future

By DOROTHY JUNE MILES

IN 1908 I had the following series of dreams.

I seemed to be all alone in a strange place and it was so dark I could not determine where I was. Quite suddenly a full, brilliant moon appeared in the sky. By its light I found I was in a very large park covered with a thick carpet of grass.

A short distance from me was a high-walled, square, roofless inclosure at the base of a small hill. By mounting a bench at the side of a path I was able to look within. Although this structure was quite large it was packed so tightly with men that no space remained. They were fighting with every sort of weapon. It was so terrible that I looked away.

As I did so the moon grew absolutely dark, then it opened in the center like a silvery slit the full height of the moon and slowly out of this opening floated the flag of Germany. It floated clear around the heavens in a perfect circle.

The moon then grew to full brightness and darkened as before and once more the silver slit appeared and out of it floated the British flag.

The third time it repeated with the flag of France. Each flag circled the heavens to its starting point. This was the first dream I had. I experienced several of these dreams until every country in the world war was included.

Then came a dream with all of the flags in a circle around the heavens, and as before the moon darkened and opened in the center, but this time an airplane floated out, followed at once by a second one.

They passed around inside of the entire circle of flags before stopping.

Then once more the darkened moon opened and a submarine glided out and passed clear around inside the circle of flags and stopped between the two airplanes.

At this point the American flag, larger than all of the other flags put together, appeared in the sky behind this scene and the submarine guarded on either side by the two airplanes dipped its nose deeply in graceful salute to the Stars and Stripes.

This all faded away and I seemed to float above the earth. On it appeared a man whom I recognized as the Emperor of Germany. He stood absolutely alone, his head bowed low on his breast. His hands hung limp at his sides in an attitude of despair.

About him was utter desolation, not a house or tree, or any living thing.

As I watched, his uniform faded away leaving him in ordinary dress.

Then an angel appeared at my side and said in a soft voice, "When the war is over, there shall be no kings."

Boughs of the Understanding

By PEGGY DELL

ONE day the question came up in our group which verse was thought the best in the Book.

"Best for what?" a young philosopher asked.

"The most useful to human happiness," someone said.

"The prettiest sounding one," another spoke up.

"The richest in meaning," a third suggested.

Without hesitation, he told them his opinion, which covered all three replies:

"'No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.'"

"Why?" someone asked.

"This verse is the most useful, because after having learned that the Kingdom of God means 'happiness within you,' one can easily see that these words can be used as a Great Scissors to clip into two common failings of human beings—both of dwelling in the Past.

"The other day I was recalling some happy moments, moments which could never turn; and for the instant I was thrown into an ineffable sadness, because I could never have them again. Then I remembered this verse: I had put my hand to the plow, I was progressing, I must not look back upon that which could never be recalled. So my thoughts were cut off instantly. Another time I found myself looking back for the moment on bits of my unhappy existence. My disappointments seemed so bitter then. Again I remembered this verse, and knew that I had my hand to the plow. I wasn't going to look back. I wanted the Kingdom of God. I shouldn't be fit for it if I didn't remain in the Present.

"This verse, then, helps one from becoming seethed in unhappy memories, from regretting and from wishing for the Past's recall, and from fearing and weighing the future by the bitter Past."

Then he told the one who gave the second suggestion that if he would take the verse and say it aloud and let his imagination run with the words, he could see that the verse gives a most comforting and pleasing picture: "No man, having put his hand to the plow. Can't you see yourself with your hand on the handle, going down the row, plowing deeply, on to progress, your face straight to the future, not looking back; because if you do, you will not make your row straight—isn't that a clean picture? You are plowing straight to the Kingdom of God—Happiness."

Then he turned to the third person:

"Take the first part, 'No man, having put his hand to the plow': It speaks of progress, and you have put your hands to it, to go on to righteousness—watching and praying for the body to be as strong as your spirit is willing—and on to your goal—on to the highest attainment—happiness. Then it says: 'and looking back'—this gives you the key to happiness. You can't look back if you are to find the Kingdom of God. You have to forget the past, your worries, your regrets, your disappointments, and keep your eye on your goal—if you are to be fit for the Kingdom of God. Then 'the Kingdom of God,' itself, could have thousands of words written upon its meaning. Where is the Kingdom of God. "Lo, there! for behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." You must receive it as a little child. Again it is likened unto a mustard seed: Though the smallest, and seemingly of the least importance when planted, grows to be the strongest, and the fowls can come and rest on its boughs."

What a beautiful thought the young philosopher had given us!

To be able not to look back in order to be fit for the Kingdom of God, so that lonely souls could come rest in our shade or be comforted by our boughs of understanding—that must be happiness!

I MUST BELIEVE

By JESSIE KENYON

MORTALS looking into the dark unknown called "death," flinch and shudder and tremble with fear. Only those of us who have fleetingly contacted friends who have gone before can recognize the thrill, the ecstasy, the reality of that spirit world. In direct reply to the reader who wants to believe in Spiritualism, no better proof can be given than these brief experiences of another reader.

First, let me say this: I believe in Spiritualism because it is the only pure religion, the true exaltation of spirit, unhampered by creed or cult, catechism or printed prayer created by human agency. Spiritualism is the essence of inward development and is reflected outwardly by bodily indifference to conditions and surroundings. No structure of wood or stone is big enough or grand enough to contain it, though we may use that structure as a symbol and its altar as a quiet sanctuary before which we meditate. The human being must believe, else he is lost; lost in a maze of darkness and fear. Spiritualism shows us the way, the light, to the source of the greatest spirit of all—GOD.

The trials we experience daily are but lessons to be learned by God's children; each task, no matter how painfully hard to bear, is but promotion from class to class, from life to life, until we at last graduate into perfection in the spirit world. Iron ore must be subjected to great heat and refining and beating and hammering to render it into fine steel! So with us. Do not cry aloud against the trials placed upon you. Accept them for what they are—special lessons for special students. Do not say, "I can't bear it!" "Take up thy cross and follow Me" is not merely a group of words. They are definite instructions. "Follow Me" into spiritual development. "That which I have done, that can ye also do—even greater things." Have faith. Believe.

We do not need graven image or statue of marble or stone to bring into our consciousness the reality of the great spirit world all about us. That is something we contact only through our own inward development and see only through our inward eyes and hear through our inward ears.

We say: "Our dead one is dead," when what we mean is: "The cast-off garment in which our dear one lived is worn out." Spirit, life, goes everlastingly on.

Because of the difficulty in contacting anything so essentially etherial and delicate as spirit vibration, it is most difficult to make direct contact; our very anxiety to hear a beloved voice, to see a beloved face, holds a rigid curtain between the visible and invisible worlds.

Hence, we sometimes require the services of a Medium, free from the personal anxiety we feel, to make the contact for us. It is not possible for one Medium to obtain results for everyone. There are too many thousands of people with diverse vibrations, and we may try and try again before we obtain results.

With regard to Mediums let me say this: There are the real and genuine seekers after truth, and there are frauds and fakers who look only for financial gain, and there are real and false jewels. But without the *genuine* gems there could BE no *imitations.*

Ever since I can remember anything I have been surrounded and protected by *something;* something I could not name until Spiritualism furnished the clew. As a little girl I played with an imaginary beautiful golden-haired woman named "Lily," who was happily married to "Tom" and they had two children. That woman was very real to me, and I am fully assured that she was a spirit guide who watched over and directed my daily life through childhood.

When I was about twenty years old my dearly beloved older sister passed on. She had always stood in the place of a second mother to me, and the bonds of affection were close. For years I felt her presence near me. When I married, she left me for farther flights into the spirit world, but always before the approach of some disastrous event, she came and tried very hard to speak to me. With my dull mortal ears I could not hear her voice; I could only sense the effort she made and had to watch her depart sadly shaking her head in negation. Then one beautiful Easter morning I received the explanation.

During the moment of silent prayer and meditation in a little church, while even Nature stood hushed, high up above the stained glass windows, across my vision floated the smiling faces of both my sister and a friend of many years' standing—smiling happily, joyfully, and the message came to me: "You see and hear us *only* when your own mind is perfectly calm and peaceful and free of materialism!"

Then a wave of rose perfume swept over me. This was direct communication, for only my sister knew the nickname she gave me—"Rose"—because of the deep coloring of my girlhood cheeks.

Only two months ago another experience furnished the key—that we must be perfectly relaxed and quiet, free from anxiety and worry, if we are to contact the delicate vibrations of the spirit people.

I live in a remodeled house, the older portion having been built by a happy old German couple. They still wander in and out among us at will. One night I had retired, turned out the light and relaxed for my nightly period of meditation. Almost at once I heard, very faintly, a voice seeming to come from the foot of my bed. "It's Lotchen. Lotchen!" Then in German a woman's voice whispered. I do not understand the German language and could not interpret her words, but the following day my wallet containing money and valuable papers was stolen—and I also learned that the good old German woman who lived here was named "Lottie"!

This is the point I want to impress: That the moment I was actually aware with my bodily ears, and made physical effort to hear that someone was speaking, I broke the connection between the spirit vibration and my own inward vibration, and the voice ceased abruptly, just as the snapping of a violin string would stop the music of a beautiful sonata.

How difficult it is to maintain a completely relaxed condition especially in these days of hurry and noise and struggle for material things is known only to those who try it. But repose *can* be cultivated, and I am positive that in this lies the secret for direct communication we have so long sought.

May God help you to learn the lesson of perfect trust and confidence in Him, and to help you gain that perfect mental, bodily and spiritual condition which will enable you to unconsciously vibrate with your friends who go before.

She Graduated

by MARION B. SHOEN

You ask me why I do not cry
Because my dearest friend must die.
You gaze upon me, frowning, wise,
Because no tears drop from my eyes;
Because I do not moan and weep
You think my caring was not deep,
If your eyes could see through the years,
You would not care to part with tears.

Dear friend, she is not far away,
This one we knew but yesterday;
She's very close to me, to you,
She knows each thing we say or do.
And, when you grieve her heart is sad,
If you were glad, she would be glad;
So, smile awhile, as I now do,
And she will smile, again, for you.

TREMENDOUS TRIFLES

(*The Fifty Dollar Contest Story*)

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Eighth Installment

"Mastering Your Moods"

THE individual is master or servant according to the manner in which he masters or fails to master his moods. The masterful man must be master of his moods. The moment he surrenders to a negative mood, that moment he becomes a slave to his weakest self. The pages of history are filled with accounts of men and women who allowed their moods to master them and who reached an unhappy and untimely end therefore. The man must be the victor and *not* the mood.

Had the emperor, Joseph the Second of Austria, been master of his moods there never would have been inscribed on his tomb the following epitaph: "Here lies a monarch who with the best intention never carried out a single plan." The mood of indecision and doubt had mastered the Austrian monarch. He was given to hesitating perpetually between the choice of two things. Consequently, he made the choice of neither. With each surrender to the mood of indecision, his resolution—his power to resolve, suffered correspondingly. He never seemed to get further with a project than the plan. Zealous he was, and anxious, too, for the betterment of his people, but he seemed totally incapable of carrying any of his many plans into effect. If he made one plan, he immediately introduced another to take place of the first, and then he would propose another and yet another and so on, with the final result that no plan was ever accepted or carried out.

Surrender to the mood and you are no longer master of yourself or anything else. The mood is master thenceforward. Brutus surrendered to his mood and the result was the murder of his best-loved friend and benefactor. The bitter tears he shed afterward were of no avail then; the mood had already done its worst. McBeth surrendered to his mood and murdered King Duncan. Nero yielded to his mood and murdered his own mother.

Yield to the mood and you are no stronger than the mood to which you surrender. If it is low, miserable, cowardly, murderous, you are the slave now to such a mood and must obey it. That is the weak link in your personality.

Every individual can and should master his moods and direct them rather than follow their direction without question. Intellect has been given to the human animal in order to assist him to fend off the irresponsible mood and to control it. The chief need in the life of every man still seems to be someone who can see what is good for him to compel him to do the things he knows he can do and should do. Men master moods.

When Daniel Webster, the great American orator, first attempted to speak in public, he was a miserable failure. On his first attempt in college he was weak and nervous, timid and afraid. He gave up to his mood that first time and tearful and ashamed, he fled from the platform and out of the sight of his fellow-students. For five times in succession he surrendered to his mood of timidity and fear and nervousness, and for five times he failed. Yet he was prevailed upon to make another attempt and the sixth time he tried, he was able to deliver a passable speech. But it is not the speech or what he said that counted; it was the fact that he had been able to master his mood; he had been able to dictate what his mood should be. Five years later Dartmouth College invited him to deliver the Fourth of July address, and at that exercise, Daniel Webster, the onetime weak and timid and retiring boy who sought to be a great speaker, astounded the world with his oratory. He had met the mood, had mastered it, had molded it to his will.

When Abraham Lincoln made a trip down the Ohio River as a young man he witnessed a slave auction in New Orleans. His manly soul was stricken at the sight of families rent asunder by the inhuman monster, slavery, and he swore a mighty oath to kill it should he ever have the opportunity. "Great God," he said, "if I ever get a chance to hit that thing, I'll hit it hard." The mighty and just will of the future president had conjured a mood which one time was to thrill the world as the *Emancipation Proclamation.* Never in all the years to follow did Lincoln forget the sight he saw that day in New Orleans, and never did he once lose sight of the stern resolve—the *mood* which followed him, nor did he try to forget it. Had it been a mood weakening to the character, Lincoln would not have accepted it as part of his being. Because he recognized it as honorable and just, he accepted it and fed it daily for years until it burst out in a white-hot flame that seared the world.

The will recognizes facts for what they are. Consequences following an act are apparent to the will; the actual will does not ignore though men have the feeling and belief that the will does that very thing. It is the attitude of the will of man that produces the mood and proclaims to the world the degrees of mastership or servantship which the man has attained. Men will always be known by their moods. Washington, Lincoln, Emerson were masters only because in their deadly earnestness, they were masters of their moods.

"This One Thing I Do"

Someone has said that the first essential of success is the fear of God. That may be true for individuals who are inspired to success through fear, but I prefer to say that the most essential step toward success is the love of God; such a mighty and character-molding love that we would fear to do evil not because of the evil, but because we did love God. That is much more satisfactory to me and meets more the test of love, wisdom, and truth. The words *love* and *fear* are not to be associated because of their opposite natures, and if I must drop one at the expense of the other I can very well spare fear.

A small child groping its way through the darkness has a well-pronounced idea of fear. Its little soul cringes before that terrifying monster which threatens it from that mysterious wall of black. It understands what it is to fear; it knows that fear is a terrible thing, and it will never know why it should love anything of which it is afraid. Its childish mind already knows that something which fills you with fear is more an object of hate than love. The menacing danger with which the darkness is filled to the childish mind is one that will crush it, tear it limb from limb, throw it in hell's fire and subject it to appalling punishment. With such a monster of hate and cruelty and horror there can be no connection with *love.* You don't love the things which hate you, which destroy you, which horrify you.

In my most imaginary moments I cannot picture Jesus holding fear in his mind toward His creator. It is my opinion that the mind of Jesus was so strongly taken with love that He had no room for even the thought of fear. If He had any fear at all it would have been the fear that He might unconsciously do something which would hurt that mighty soul who gave life and physical existence to us all. Jesus lived His life with the thought, "This one thing I do will be the last act of my life," or, at any rate He performed every act with that spirit of righteous will which ruled him the servant of a mighty love. The doctrine of love is my belief. Giving love will bring love in return just as hate and fear bring back hate and fear.

Holding the thought that *this one thing I do* is molding my whole future existence, that depending upon the thing I am now doing I will be happy and successful or miserable and a failure,

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Poets' Page

Legion of Yesterday
by JAMES NEILL NORTHE

We are the shadow-men of yesterday,
Caked in mud and lying in our graves;
Broken and torn and rotted well these years,
We, the unsung heroes and the knaves.
Step aside to let us limp our way,
Hear our voices tuned to bullets' whine,
Fling a silent jest across the years—
These are your echoes . . . the same heady wine
To call forth men and boys—to crush their lives.
The same draught to turn your smiles to fears;
We are the shadow-men of yesterday
Who watch your wars . . . laugh . . . and catch your tears,
Somewhere there must be a song to sing
Far grander than that of bullets' sting . . .
Sometime there must come a day's release
When we shall find the door of peace.

From *Flight*

An Old Myth
by HAZEL MOSHER BUXTON

When time was young, our God was Three,
This Union was called the Trinity.

The seventh day, the day of rest,
They counseled together on what was best:

"If we become known to men of earth,
They'll class us as common, devoid of worth.

"We must hide away—away from sight
That man learn alone to find the light."

The first God thought for a while then said,
"Why not hide us in the ocean's bed?"

"Unwise," cried the others, "for don't you know
That man will find means to dive below?"

The Second said, "We can't use the sky
For man will make wings on his boat and fly."

"Well," said the Third, "now let me see,"
And He pondered the thought reverently.

"We'll hide ourselves in the heart of man,
The heart he'll never think to scan."

An Ex-War Speaker Speaks
by ROSA ZAGNONI MARINONI

Oh poor am I indeed, whose voice rang out
To stir men on to battle and to kill . . .!
In name of Glory I spoke much and loud,
To hear the crowds cry out: "WE WILL! WE WILL!"
I was a "patriot" then, with flaming eyes,
With clenching hands and words that flashed with fire—
To stir the peaceful ones to war and hate,
Was then my morbid pride and grim desire.
A flag, a bugle, soldiers marching by,
Would send me shouting in the dusty street—
But, oh, since then I saw those boys return
With blinded eyes and helpless dragging feet—
I saw the trenches where the heroes stand,
Their bayonets still jutting from the ground.
I saw ex-soldiers standing in bread lines
And beg for work, where work could not be found.
I saw white crosses standing row on row
Beneath a dreary stretch of foreign skies;
I saw war orphans huddled in a shack,
I saw the tears that ebbed at mothers' eyes . . . !

Oh, God, look down with pity on me now!
If war should come—confine me behind bars . . .
Lest I should help to hang on window panes
Gold stars!

To the Slaves of Custom
by P. M. WELCH

Cast customs millstone from thy neck
And fly so high, so free,
Hold not thine own reason in check.
Find thy true self in thee.
Man thine own bark, friend, lest it wreck
Within obscurity.

For custom's slaves so often ape
Those far below their clan,
And often for a pattern take
The worst that is in man,
'Til they awake, alas, too late
To change the erring plan.

Dark Hours
GEORGIA MOORE EBERLING

Dark hours have spread their blackness over me
Through all my days. I scarcely can recall
The first time that they stretched their sable pall
Above me. Yet I know if I could see
Beyond the darkness, and read Fate's decree,
I'd learn that as the bitter, dry Mistral
Sweeps from the air disease and death and all
Their crew, so, too, my black hours set me free.

Dark hours, you turn my thoughts from earth, away
To that celestial world, which is my home.
You set my mind on that sure-coming day
When through the fields of Asphodel I'll roam.
Dark hours, you teach my spirit how to pray
And lift me from dull earth to Heaven's dome.

Night
SAND DUNE SAGE

Night is when the elfins dance,
Dervish-like in wild romance,
Drinking cocktails from a star,
Lilting lyrics from afar,
Telling mortals they are fools
When they waste their time in schools.
All that ever can be sweet
Is when love and fancy meet
Whirling through the sky at night
Till their spirits both ignite.
And in flames they wrap as one
While night's cosmic dream is spun.

Boast or Boost?
by PAUL JANS

They who behold a boaster and see everything—see less than they that gaze upon a master and see nothing.

Who boast the most have much to hide
They pray might stay concealed—
While Lords of earth in meekness bide
Till Truth may be revealed.

I Will Lift Up My Eyes
by IRENE STANLEY

I will lift up my eyes to the hills,
To the towering, snow-covered peaks.
For the beauty that strengthens and thrills,
I will lift up my eyes to the hills.
For the peace which beholding instills,
For the breath of God's wind on my cheeks
I will lift up my eyes to the hills.
To the towering, snow-covered peaks!

OPPORTUNITY'S GATE

By LOWRIE KAY

ONE night some weeks ago my wife and I while driving from a motion picture show in the eight-mile distant county seat saw two pillars beautifully illumined in a field which we knew to be vacant.

The pillars appeared to be built on a rise in the field and were situated in relation to each other so that they gave the impression of a gateway. They were constructed of buff brick, or light-colored stone, perhaps, rose some twelve feet from their base and were aglow as though from indirect lighting, at the top. The effect was impressive and much the same as one would receive from a fine painting of such a scene.

The field was across the road from my side, the left, of the car and the pillars were perhaps four hundred feet back from the road. My wife and I saw the pillars equally well, turned toward each other and one of us exclaimed, "Isn't that pretty?"

The thought then struck us simultaneously that there was nothing in that field. It was about a mile and one-half from our home and along a road familiar because of frequent usage.

We discussed the incident briefly and then, having turned into a road from which we could look back at the field, did so. We saw no pillars and the field looked as it had always looked and as it does to this day.

On more recent trips on this road we have looked carefully at the field in which we saw the pillars, but there is nothing rising above the ground but vegetation. Others have confirmed this.

We did not treat the occurrence as seriously as would many persons, as such things had happened to each of us before. But they had happened individually, not together.

The incident took place, however, when both of us were worried over health and business. In fact, the show which we had attended, was in the way of relaxation from recent strain. We had just about "gone the limit" and even a movie was anticipated to provide some distraction from our thoughts.

In the weeks that have since passed, opportunities previously unknown, both in health and business, have unfolded. The strain and worry has gone and both my wife and I are living in a new light. And we have confidence for the future.

We are sure that the pillars which we saw did form a gateway—to vision and opportunity.

A PRICELESS NECKLACE

By ESTELLE FINNEGAN

WHERE are the dead? Can and do they return to earth? Is communication with the dead possible? These and numerous other questions relative to the dead have perplexed me since childhood and when I grew to womanhood I read every available book and article relative to the above questions, but I read as an unbeliever.

It was not until the death of my daughter, which occurred on her fifteenth birthday, 1928, that I again began to question seriously and longingly, "Where are the dead?" Should anyone have told me at the time of her death that she would return to me again in 1934, I would have thought them insane and would have paid little attention to their remarks.

The fact that her return was over such a seemingly insignificant incident and that it was witnessed by my son also, makes it all the more perplexing to me and thoughts of that never-to-be-forgotten night fill me with sadness and confusing thoughts.

A friend of mine who lives in Sedalia, Missouri, had presented me with a beautiful gold necklace which was set with a large pearl. I had always been an admirer of jewelry of any sort and naturally I was very proud of this gift and wore it every day to work, but the fact that I considered it about two inches too long worried me considerably and I had remarked to my son that when I felt able I would have it shortened. It was my custom to take it off over my head and it was while I was thus removing it one night, preparatory to retiring, the chain broke in several places. I remarked to my son, who witnessed the breaking of the same, that I was unable to have it repaired but would do so when I received my next salary check which was about a week distant, and that I would at this time have it shortened. With this remark I picked up the broken chain, placed it in an envelope, sealed same and tucked it securely in my purse and the following morning took it to work with me. That evening a friend telephoned me and invited me to attend the Ambassador Theatre with her which invitation I accepted. After the show we went to the Forum, a nearby cafeteria, for a light lunch, and while there I told her I wanted to show her a necklace I had recently received but that I had broken the chain the night before. Imagine, if you can, my surprise when I tore the envelope open and pulled out the necklace in perfect condition. Not only was the chain repaired but it was about two inches shorter. I was too filled with my own thoughts to offer any explanation, and in fact, I had none to offer. Thinking perhaps she had not heard my remark that the chain was broken I said nothing and she said nothing about the broken chain. I could see she was filled with admiration for the beautiful pearl.

I had recently divorced my husband and my eighteen year old son and I were at that time boarding and shared a room together on Vermont Street in St. Louis. It was a large room with two front windows and the furniture consisted of two single beds, two chairs, a table and an old-fashioned wardrobe. A small dressing room adjoined it.

When I arrived home my son was busy with his studies. We talked for almost an hour, most of which time was consumed in trying to solve the mystery of the repaired necklace. Finally, weary and finding no solution we decided to retire.

It was a beautiful moonlight night and the street light in front of our window was not needed for the scene we were about to witness. No sooner had I turned out the light and flung my weary body on the bed until my daughter appeared. She stood by my bed, radiantly beautiful, her golden hair falling over her face. I shall never forget the three short sentences she slowly uttered and her mystifying disappearance. Standing directly in front of me and wearing the same dress I selected for her burial, she said, "Mother, I fixed your necklace. I think it is beautiful. Wear it always." I reached out my hand to touch her, only to find that she had vanished as mysteriously as she had entered. My son, who quickly recognized his sister's voice, had by that time gotten out of bed. I turned on the light and saw that he was very pale. "Mother," he said, "did you see and hear Mary Lee?" He seemed dazed and thought he might be dreaming. I told him that she had been there,

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EXPERIENCE, THE TEACHER

By EDWARD DOANE

WE MOVE about in these bodies of ours without much thought as to how we came to possess them, or as to how our souls gained the ability to construct so complex an organism as the human form. Yet there is no mystery connected with the process if we but look about us and perceive nature in operation, the means by which it is possible. Perhaps the readers of this article have perceived that all of us are children going to school for the purpose of learning such lessons as will enable us to advance to higher Astral or Spiritual Realms upon the completion of this little grade and to become useful citizens of Cosmos. At least it is the hope of this writer that all of them have made that much progression.

Have you ever pondered upon the problem connected with the caterpillar and the butterfly? The intelligence or soul that directs the building of the body of the caterpillar gains sufficient experience in the process that it is enabled through this knowledge plus what it gains in contact with environment through this form to build the vastly more complex body of the butterfly from the same substance which comprised the body of the caterpillar, which to all intents and purposes suffered physical death and disintegration. This new structure enables the soul to gain a much wider range of experience than was possible while functioning through the body of the caterpillar and to cover more territory in a single day than could the slow moving caterpillar during its entire lifetime. This observation of nature at work through natural law is an experience of immense value to the sincere seeker for Truth, for but little thought will convince him that the same law applies to the human soul as applies to that of the caterpillar. The soul of man does not spontaneously learn how to construct the human body any more than the soul of the caterpillar knew without experience in building a lesser form, how to construct the more complex organism of the butterfly. The human form is constructed by its directing intelligence or soul—solely because of experience gained in constructing lesser life forms, retaining from each as memory, the knowledge so gained and the ability to carry through the life processes such as assimilation, secretion, etc., without conscious direction. Through such observations we are able to perceive that experience is the teacher which enables souls to make progression and that without such experience there would be no consciousness and no progression of souls.

A study of the history of life and its evolutionary phases in some of our large museums will show the student that there were once many varieties of life upon earth that are now extinct because they were unable to adapt themselves to the ever-changing environmental conditions brought about by the life processes of the physical earth. This, too, teaches us the lesson that the soul to continue to express life in any phase of existence must adapt itself to the exigencies of the environment in which it functions. The penalty for failure exacted by the laws of nature which are God's laws is physical extinction. And to the inhabitants of any plane of expression the substance of that plane is physical and that of which the bodies are constructed. Observing nature in manifestation we are also forced to the conclusion that in time the earth, too, will finish its life processes and pass away, the substance undergoing disintegration and passing back into the energy fields of space. When this takes place Etheric and Astral Planes will in time follow this process leaving only the Eternal Spiritual Substance, and unless there is a recognition of adaption to higher conditions than physical and Astral the remaining souls will disintegrate and pass along with the other substance back into the energy fields. Thus and thus alone can a soul be lost.

Science has a rather clear cut exposition of the progress of physical life on earth up to and including the man-like ape, or ape-like man as you prefer. It fails however to find the missing link, and this is also because it fails to apply the basic law of physics to the problem of evolution and recognize that for every such period there must of necessity also be a period of involution. The key to the point of meeting of these periods can be found in the story in the Sixth Chapter of Genesis. The same story expresses in universal symbolism by the two trines meeting on a plane surface as carried in the hands of Egyptian Figures.

In order to express higher states of consciousness the soul must of necessity have experiences in expressing lower states of consciousness, just as to build a higher life form it must have experience in building lower life forms.

God through nature has provided the means by which the soul can gain experience and knowledge sufficient to construct these higher forms and thus make progress through gaining increased perceptions, and after this phase to start the journey back to Celestial Realms and the Angelic Form. In each higher phase, expressing life more vividly, gaining knowledge, experiencing pleasure and pain as it adapts to or fails to meet the conditions of the environment in which it functions. The motivating force behind each life form is its Divine Ego—which is a pure scintillating spark of Deity that has been impressed by its Angelic Parents—with the function to be performed in the Divine Plan of Cosmic Construction. The ego in turn evolves the twin souls that are represented in the Angelic state by the double-headed golden eagle of Masonry, starts them out on the involutionary and evolutionary journeys through the Cycle of Necessity to gain such experiences and knowledge as will enable them to enter into their ultimate function as intelligent workers in the cosmic structure. One cannot be self-centered and progress to Spiritual Realms, selfishness must be left behind, and whole-hearted, sincere work done in behalf of the cosmic whole must be undertaken and done if such heights are to be reached. Knowledge must be gained of the relationship of the soul to Deity and to all other life forms, if immortality is to be attained. By your experiences you can gain the knowledge which applied with wisdom will enable your soul to make progress up the spiral of life to Angelic Realms. Experience is the teacher which you must heed in order to gain these exalted heights.

"The Watcher"

by AMAR DANIEL

Tonight my mind is a storm-tossed
ocean of form
and my thought-things are but half-
born
before the undertow of my soul's dis-
turbance
has torn them from me.

Twilight and dawn, noonday and mid-
night are blurred
in that ragged sea,
and the reflections I rarely perceive
are grotesque replicas
of the *me* dimly trying to see the ex-
panse of
illuminated nothingness
of my mind's ocean floor.

Yet as I stand my watch with a weary
soul's
perseverance
the high-leaping, low-harpooning, coil-
ing
rhythms of thought
break less heavily on the bulwark of
my concentration
until they become a rippling tide of mo-
tionless motion,
and the thought-things born are not
bastards,
but pure begotten beings of the *me*
that clearly answers my steadfastness
from mind's depth of sea
in its controlled and limpid tranquil-
lity.

The Secrets of Handwriting Revealed

NERVOUS AND MORAL DEGENERATION

By KNUTE O. HOLM — *Certified Grapho-Analyst*

IN THESE days of intense living there are many factors that contribute to the nervousness from which so many people seem to suffer. Many, of course, are so constituted that they can well stand the pace. Unfortunately, however, there are others who are naturally nervous, while some are morally weak and readily fall victims to habits or ways of living that lead to sickness and misfortune. Evidence of these weaknesses often crop out in the handwriting and are danger signs that should always be heeded.

If a person finds that some rather unusual changes are taking place in the writing it is a sign that something is wrong some place. These variations may appear in the slant of the writing, the pressure, or the strokes that go into the forming of the letters or the words. The nervous system, of which the brain is the center, is sending out a warning of some disturbance that may be physical or nervous in nature. Usually the person in question is not aware of the approaching condition.

People who are naturally nervous and timid always place this evidence in the retracing of some of the letters. It may show in the capital "M" or in the small letter "n." Often, too, the compactness of the script will also bring out this state of affairs. As a rule the strokes and the slant of the writing prove that the individual in question is emotional and high strung, and more often than not the letter "d" discloses a very sensitive nature.

All the foregoing evidence of nervousness and emotionalism was disclosed in the writing of two young persons who called on us. In one the condition of the base line disclosed an optimistic nature. In spite of the moodiness and nervous condition so plainly brought out in the script the person concerned was often able to take a lighter and more pleasant view of life. In the other instance, however, the formation of the base line and the ending of the lines of writing showed a nature that was constantly repressed. There was a distinct strain of pessimism disclosed in this particular specimen that could not be mistaken and the person concerned was nearly always conscious of a feeling of oppression that resulted in sadness. In this instance it was interesting to note that the letters "f" and "l" showed that the individual in question possessed an instinctive interest in subjects of religious nature. In spite of this, however, the person in question admitted having thought of suicide but always managed to pull out of this black despondency. In both of these instances the writing was perfectly natural and had never changed in any respect.

Many a person has committed suicide during moments of melancholia. Evidence of this trait that leads to these black moods is always to be found in the base line and the finals of the words. If the letter "s" also discloses the fact that the person concerned is lacking in moral firmness, or the writing in itself discloses a weak nature it all forms a bad combination.

Many a person has worried himself or herself sick. As a rule evidence of this negative trait may be found in several places. That is, worry is the combination of several other traits that automatically lead up to it. A depressed mind disclosed in the base line, a timid nature shown in the formation of some letters and a strong imagination that is to be found in some of the loop letters often leads to worry. However, the small letter "p" alone will sometimes disclose evidence of worry. When this evidence is repeated in a sheet of writing it proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that the individual in question is worrying about something unusual. This single evidence of extreme worry cannot be contradicted by anything else found in the writing and unless something is done to remove the cause the person concerned is in greater danger of a nervous collapse.

Some of the capital letters including the capital "P" also bring out evidence of nervousness that cannot be mistaken by a Grapho-Analyst. The strokes are not formed the way they should be and the letter is lacking in force or definiteness. This evidence always discloses some disorder that is nervous in nature. Or there may be some other underlying condition that places this evidence in the writing. In any case it is a warning that everything is not as it should be and measures should be taken to locate the cause.

As everyone knows, persons who habitually use narcotics or drugs of any kind get jumpy and are always on edge. Evidence of this is to be found in the letter "n." It may also be found in the "a" and the letter "o." When this shows in the writing it always proves that the party concerned is indulging in some form of dissipation that is bound to ruin all appreciation of moral conduct. It usually leads to terrible suffering that ends in collapse. Many a promising career and bright future has been blighted by the negative traits mentioned in this paragraph.

It should be remembered, however, that the fundamental reason why people take to drugs differs greatly. There are persons of strong character who, because of some chronic illness, are forced to take drugs in order to alleviate pain and if continued for a great length of time may undermine the morals of the party in question. At the same time there are others who take drugs of some kind for the thrill they get out of it, little realizing the terrible risk they are taking, while some resort to drugs because of a deep-rooted weakness in their character. It is persons of the latter type that we refer to.

Criminal tendencies and habits that are destructive both mentally and morally are also disclosed in the formation of the letters "m," "w," and the "b." These letters disclose danger signals that cannot be ignored under any circumstances. It makes no difference who the individual concerned happens to be. When evidence of this particular type appears the party in question is the victim of some moral weakness that affects the whole character.

The single evidence of criminal tendencies and moral degeneration mentioned in all the small letters referred to in the foregoing paragraphs is unusually strong and outstanding. When these signs are disclosed repeatedly in a sheet of writing they out-balance everything else in connection with the character of the individual in question. This does not mean that all the letters need to show the weaknesses with which they are connected in the same handwriting. It is enough if one letter discloses the desired information provided the evidence is repeated again and again in the same letter formation.

Assuming that the small letter "e" brings out the fact that there is some defect in the nervous system of a certain person. This evidence is enough to go by as long as this letter discloses the same evidence several times over in one sheet of writing.

While the evidence furnished by the special formation of these before-mentioned small letters can never be disregarded there are other signs that show whether or not an individual is inclined to dissipate. This evidence may be found in the condition of the strokes or the general formation of the letters throughout the script. The strokes in themselves may bring out the fact that the person concerned is of a very sensual nature. This proves that the individual in question is the victim of an intense desire for the gratification of the passions. As a rule it also proves that the party in question has rich tastes and wants to lead a life that is not in keeping with the social standards of the day. This desire for sensual gratification may lead to excessive drinking, the eating of too spicy foods and the wild spending of money in many other ways.

The general formation of most of the letters may also disclose the fact that a person is too easily influenced for his or her own good. This evidence may be found in any letter in the writing.

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Elbert Benjamine

Ariadne Saves Theseus with a Clew of Thread

By ELBERT BENJAMINE

President of the Church of Light

WHEN viewing Bootes, the husbandman in the sky, picturing the harvest decanate of the harvest sign, through which the Sun passes each year from August 23 to September 2, one can but wonder once again how much must be attributed to coincidence, and how much of ancient lore was actual knowledge. The chief star in this constellation is mentioned thus in Job 38-32, "Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" as if, like turning the zodiac to bring any season desired, the control of Arcturus were an impossible task.

We are hardly warranted, I suppose, in believing that the ancients knew anything of the terrific speed with which a few of the stars travel. Yet Arcturus is classed as one of those "runaway stars" which have a speed so great, according to Simon Newcomb, the great astronomer, as to be beyond control of the other bodies in the firmament. Job might well ask about this swiftest of all the brighter stars, traveling 89 miles a second, or of the son, one of the stars of the Great Bear, which is smaller but moves at even greater speed, by what agency they could be guided.

If we deny to the ancients intuition, it is more logical to suppose that they had discovered the large motion of Arcturus relative to the other stars; as we know that since the day of Ptolemy it has shifted its position by more than a degree; that is, by more than twice the diameter of the full moon.

Yet this shifting has not been great enough to remove it from the constellated picture to which rightfully it belongs, and it is still to be seen in the leg of the starry keeper of the vineyard and is easily located in the summer evening sky by merely following the general curve of the handle of the Big Dipper approximately a handle's length beyond.

Although it was chosen for another and quite as romantic a reason by those in charge of the Century of Progress Exposition held in Chicago in 1933; because this exposition was held in honor of, and to display labor-saving devices and the scientific progress which represents the harvest of experience gained the prevous hundred years, no better star could have been selected to symbolize the exposition than this chief star in the constellation picturing the mental and harvest decanate of the mental and harvest sign Virgo.

Its speed is typical of the new forms of locomotion displayed in the exhibits. And in addition to the sickle which the Husbandman carries to indicate the reaping of the harvest, the spear which he carries in the other hand indicates that the devices thus acquired have slain, let us hope forever, the sweatshop Minotaur nourished by child labor.

The harvesting of the energy of Arcturus, rather than of some rival in brilliancy, late in May, 1933, to close the switches that turned on the lights which formally opened the exposition, was prompted ostensibly by the circumstance that the light which fell upon the photoelectric cells at the eye-end of telescopes at four different observatories left the Husbandman star at about the time the previous Chicago World's Fair was held in 1893.

Not only were the lights of the exposition turned on at the opening of the fair through the energy of this reddish-yellow star of first magnitude, but the process was repeated with all its dramatic details each evening during the early summer. Always it was witnessed by an awe-inspired crowd who gathered before the huge perpendicular map on which the co-operating observatories were located not merely by name but also by electric bulbs.

The assembled audience, at the minute designated, saw the bulb of one observatory on the map light up as the amplified energy from Arcturus, transmitted telegraphically from that region of the country reached the switch in Chicago. Then another and another of the bulbs blazed as the observatories

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Bringing Your Stars to You Astrologically With Your Personal Daily Guide

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INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK FOR 1937

United States

TRUE to my predictions in the November issue the present Administration's ideals go marching on. The year of 1937 is a memorable one in the history of the nation. Business revival, rising prices, less unemployment, institution and corporation reforms after federal investigations prove faulty systems of regulation under incompetent local leadership have prevailed, new laws, lowered taxes, military preparedness, industrial commerce improves, stocks reach new highs, and general prosperity settles over the land. A more united effort of the people to promote peace and progress. Devastating fires in some central-western states, drouth conditions prevail in the west, terrific floods in the East, Central West and South, and new crimes startle the nation into action to curb underworld activities. A severe sea disaster threatens the coast and a famous aviator will crack up. There are fewer suicides than usual, but more murders. Deaths of important governmental personages occasionally. A famous divorce and a famous marriage within the boundary of America attracts international attention. Pan-American co-operation in some respects and lack of co-operation on the other hand cause continued speculation as to whether the Americas can be united in principle or not. The year as a whole seems to bring many needed reforms, great progress, governmental changes and agricultural success.

Canada

Our delightful neighbor to the North experiences a most progressive year also. There is a revival of industrial projects which have lain unproductive for a time, new trade relations with United States, much travel is shown through the year within the Dominion. Closer contact with the Mother country—likely, this is due to the coronation of the King. Rather severe winter weather prevails late into the Spring. The agricultural outlook is very promising. Canada experiences a new prosperity this year.

England

The British Empire, "upon which the sun never sets," goes dramatically ahead with the principles which only England is famous for. The crowning of the King marks a great period in English history. The English pound increases in value. A great building program spreads through the Empire. Preparedness goes on, valuable secrets will be guarded by the war department and many surprises are in store for any nation that attempts to make war with England. This nation will mark important history in 1937.

France

Several changes in governmental policies to avert a revolution are indicated. Strong political oppositions tear several sections of the country asunder from time to time, but settlement of differences seems to be effected in the end. Greater military strength is indicated through the year. France has some quarrel with central European countries, which threatens war, but does not promote it in 1937. This nation experiences great tourist trade through the year.

Germany

Germany becomes stronger, more powerful and more influential as it adjusts its internal affairs. Not all of the propaganda about this country will be true. Herr Hitler is an organizer and a promoter: he has no desire for war, but it looks very much as though the reins of power will revert in generous measure to the fiery Goering—not in entirety, but indirectly he has power in governmental policies which are not altogether healthy for that nation or the world. Unless careful, Goering will lead his reorganized Germany into the pitfalls of conflict which would forever seal the doom of Germany. This nation is treading on dangerous ground and would better go slowly.

Italy

The complete policy of Italy under Mussolini will be the building up of its military strength, both at home and abroad. The nation enters many secret treaties and arrangements with foreign governments. Assassination of Mussolini is attempted, but will probably fail. Elemental disturbances threaten—such as earthquakes or volcanic eruptions, etc.

Russia

It is possible that Russia may be forced to demonstrate her military strength through the year some time. The world will stand in awe at the reorganized and powerful Russia. A tiff with Japan is likely to spread more rapidly than the world thinks. I have always said you cannot put an Aquarian down: they always come back stronger than ever. I have said that Russia would come back bigger than ever in past years. Steadily the recent years have borne out that prediction. Russia is ruled by Aquarians. Watch Russia come back in 1937!

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Personal Astrological Daily Guide

Gallery of Letters With Their Meaning

G: Capital G means a very good day. Ask favors, seek work, sign papers, promote your affairs, take trips, advertise, make friends, investigate, attend to everything of importance. Go places and do things.

g: Small g means a slightly good day. On these days attend to usual routine, make offers, entertain company, visit, write letters, send telegrams, take short trips, improve your personal affairs. Buy things, sell and invest.

A: Capital A means an adverse day. On these days use care and caution in all dealings, avoid accidents, losses, thefts, and guard your health. Also be careful of misunderstandings and engage in no arguments. Take no risks or chances.

a: Small a means a slightly adverse day. On these days attend only to necessary duties, strive to keep cheerful, avoid hurts and wounds, make haste slowly and seek dependable advice before acting. Avoid domestic inharmony.

D: Capital D means a doubtful day. Quite likely on these days several alternate good and adverse influences prevail and you should be discreet in all activities. Do not take too much for granted — don't be too sure. Postpone things.

N: Capital N means a Neutral day. On this day the influences are equally balanced, therefore it is not a very important day. Go about your usual affairs with usual prudence and it will be a successful but uneventful day.

C: Capital C means a Critical day. On these days you should be unusually careful and cautious in everything. Be sure to avoid accidents, sudden losses, explosions, falls, hurts, cuts and bruises. Undertake NOTHING important.

F: Forenoon of this day is good, but the afternoon is adverse; therefore the A.M. should be considered as G and the P.M. as A.

P: Afternoon is good but the forenoon is adverse. Therefore the day should be considered as A in A.M. and G in P.M.

E: This letter will be used in combination with other letters and pertains to the Evening of any day when the Evening influences differ from the influences of the rest of the day. A letter E added to any day means the evening is good for romance, pleasure seeking, amusements, visiting, short trips and general recreations.

V: This letter will also be used in combination with other letters when the evening hours differ from the rest of the day. The letter V added to any day means the evening is adverse for risks or ventures and it is best to remain at home and engage only in quiet recreations with friends or family.

JANUARY, 1937

For those whose birthdays occur between:	Mar. 21—Apr. 19	Apr. 20—May 20	May 21—June 21	June 22—July 22	July 23—Aug. 22	Aug. 23—Sept. 22	Sept. 23—Oct. 22	Oct. 23—Nov. 21	Nov. 22—Dec. 21	Dec. 22—Jan 19	Jan. 20—Feb 19	Feb. 20—Mar. 20
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29	a	g	A	F	a	D	N	G	a	g	a	g
30	aE	gV	aE	aE	aE	D	N	GV	aE	gV	aE	gV
31	G	a	G	A	G	a	D	N	G	a	G	a

DIRECTIONS: First find the column which includes your birthday, then look down that column of letters until you come to the date of the month you wish (given at the left). After securing the key-letter for that date refer to the Gallery of Letters to find out the indications for that day. When more than one letter is given for any day look up both letters for that day and govern yourself accordingly.

This is a Daily Guide for each Zodiacal Sign for the present month.

Remember that when a day is marked G it is good for most all progressive things, even though they might not be mentioned in the paragraph. Remember that a day marked A is adverse for most all progressive things, even though they are not mentioned in the paragraph.

Why "Planetary" Numerology?

By PERRY SUITS

DETERMINED will, desire and cheerful expectancy of good things from life are powerful forces for success. These are a fine start in the right direction but only a START. Much more is needed than just clinging to the thought that "everything will be all right" even though that is a constructive attitude.

Cosmic law is in operation whether or not we are conscious of it. The line of least resistance is the way of most progress and ADAPTABILITY is synonymous with success.

There are without question varying forces loosely termed good or evil which are playing upon the individual and to which he reacts according to his make-up. When at the moment of birth a child draws its first breath as a separate entity, the magnetic vibratory influences from the stars and planets, according to their position at that moment impress upon the plastic cells and nervous matter its particular rate of vibration and trend of development and there is an interdependence between the various parts of the brain.

Each planet rules or is related to a group of the faculties. This much of a subject, too large for a short article, is sufficient to show that while we have reason and free-will, yet we are decidedly made of cosmic material and subject to influence as to our dominant trend of brain activity. This does not mean that we are puppets, far from it. We can use these characteristics to make our lives beautiful and of service to ourselves and others, but to use them we must know them and this brings a need for a system of interpretation.

Now, friends, since the source or basis of the vibratory forces which shape the shifting day to day pattern of our lives into a harmonious chord or a shrieking discord, according to our knowledge and co-operation or lack of these vital necessities, is the planets and luminaries, it follows by all logic and reason that the system of interpretation used to determine the effects of these vibrations upon the individual character and circumstances SHOULD BE PLANETARY.

Astrology, "The Golden Key," has been used for thousands of years. Egyptians and Chaldeans regulated the most important events by it. Greece, China and India had great exponents of it. Kepler, Newton, Flamstead, Pythagoras, Haydon and many other great and illustrious men down through the centuries believed and practiced this and many of them also practiced the equally ancient Science of Numbers, Numerology, "The Silver Key."

The vibrations of the planets are detected in the life factors of an individual in more than one way. For instance: it is the "sound" vibration which is used in this method of interpretation of a name, therefore the Planetary Alphabet gives a value to letters according to their phonetic value and only those letters which directly lend themselves to the sounding of a word or name are used in the enumeration. This, of course, requires exact and careful coding and an accurate knowledge of pronunciation. In the hands of the expert, interpretation through the planetary symbols is capable of universal application. Haydon used this key as did also the late Sepharial.

Now as an example suppose a person has a name which has the final unit value of TWO, which in this system is the symbol expressing the vibration of the Negative Moon (and I may say the Moon has numbers for both the negative and positive phase).

The Negative Moon vibration indicates doubt, indecision, vacillation, the enmity of women, an unstable character. Now let us further suppose that this person with the Moon Negative name had as the sum of the birth, Nine, the symbol of Mars influence. Mars indicates energy, the will to do, executive ability, action, and Mars' vibration raises or emphasizes any other factor it contacts. The combination of the Moon Negative and the Mars' vibrations would make life very difficult, confusing and full of change. The individual would be forever rushing into situations, then changing his mind and backing up to start again in a new direction. The remedy would be a change in name value of course.

It is our comprehension of the nature of these laws and forces and our reaction to this knowledge which determines what we get from them or what they do in our lives. It really is "The set of the sail and not the gale that determines the way we go."

The rain in its season can find us snugly housed and serve the purpose of soaking the soil to germinate the seeds we planted to raise our future dinners, or it can catch us unhoused, give us a soaking and send us into a fever from exposure. The same rain contributes to both effects, but the result in the one case is good and the other bad. The attitude of the individual brought about the difference. The rain was neither good nor bad, simply wet. Similarly the vibratory force of the planets can find us prepared to take advantage of the particular set of opportunities each brings or it can whirl us into an undertow, so to speak, and grind our faces in the mud of regret or actual discomfort.

These Cosmic Laws are impartial. It is up to us to recognize and deal with them in a fashion to go smoothly with their force. We cannot successfully fight or ignore them. The wise man trims sail to co-operate with them. The fool THINKS he rules them, but he does not as he will find to his sorrow.

Positive power of mind is not a blundering, ignorant, ruthless giant who forges straight through all obstacles, but rather is a skilled pilot with the knowledge to avoid obstacles and take advantage of forces. The tide or current which carries one ship safely through a channel dashes another on a reef or grounds it on a bar. Both pilots may be cheery, alert, determined men but one had exact knowledge by which to steer while the other had not. Planetary Numerology can and does give this exact knowledge and its findings are derived from the experience of wise men over a period of thousands of years.

The Battles of the Universe

By ETHEL MANSFIELD

EVER on the wings of Time there seems to be a strange re-birth of Souls, who, by their chancing it—the ever-waiting throngs of those who, by their living on this Great Earth Plane take chances all—to give to these another opportunity to win the Glory and the Blessings that are won by Work—by Fame—by Chance.

It all blends into one great scheme—the lives that all must live to gain their ascendency over all. They toil—they rest—they follow those who by their progress have advanced to another place in Life's great battle won.

Forward, all—there is not time to think; perhaps another time will do as well. It must be done while you are here—work—toil—possessions *none*—it does not matter how or why—there is a time when all will know the blessings that can be bestowed upon those Souls who by their forward march have won —THE BATTLES OF THE UNIVERSE.

Practical Lessons in Palmistry for the Lay Reader

By ALICE DENTON JENNINGS

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(Author's Note — In these talks the word "child" is being used throughout, meaning, of course, young children of both sexes, as well as men and women who may be dissatisfied with their present vocation in life. The use of the term is merely for convenience and to prevent verbiage.)

Finger Tips Interpreted

I HAVE often been told by those interested in this study that they could not tell to which type hands belonged, and I have found that this inability to class hands as a whole has hopelessly confused those who have tried to do so. To speak of "Hand types" is not only misleading, but is distinctly erroneous, as we seldom find a hand containing all the fingers of the same type or character. I have, for this reason, dropped the practice of speaking of "Hand types" and use instead "Finger tip types." This article has to do with "Finger tip types."

Finger tips are classed as Spatulate, Square, Conic and Pointed. The significance of the "tip type" depends upon the finger upon which it is found. The "tip type" as well as its application to the individual finger on which it is found will be fully explained in this article.

Spatulate Tips

The Spatulate tips are spade shaped, that is, broad at the extreme tip and narrowing toward the first joint. The Spatulate tip shows great originality. Its possessor always sees the practical and common-sense side of things. There is a desire for travel, progress, plenty of life and movement. This type is always inspiring others with energy and enthusiasm. This type not only discovers, but builds up and develops new activities, new enterprises, new lands. Wherever this type is found, there is activity, energy, enterprise.

Where the index finger is Spatulate (and this is rarely the case) the indications are for error and exaggerated action.

Where the second finger is Spatulate, the indications are for great activity.

Where the third finger is Spatulate, the indications are for love of form, of movement in art, dramatic talent.

Where the little finger is Spatulate, the indications are of mechanical skill, love of machinery.

Where the Spatulate shape predominates in all the fingers, the indications are for tremendous energy and strongly marked individuality. This is especially true if the palm is firm, well textured, and a delicate pink in color.

Square Tips

The "Square Tip" is one distinctly square at the tips of the finger Square tips belong to the orderly, the systematic, the law-abiding, the sticklers for correct form. Such tips think and act by rule. They love punctuality above all things. The square tips indicate ideas of a positive nature and a love of order and tidiness. They abhor disorder of all things, whether in home, shop or office. There is often a taste for social science, politics, commercial capacity. The square tip is skillful in all things where precision and accuracy are essential. This regularity makes architects of artists, scientist of experimentalist, marks the good bookkeeper, clerk, merchant, and is always useful in any situation.

Where the index finger tip is square, the indications are for love of truth.

Where the second finger tip is square, the indications are for prudence, a grave, thoughtful character.

Where the third finger is square, the indications are for truth and reason in art and in life.

Where the little finger is square, the indications are for love of the abstract, reason in science, good at business.

Where the square shape predominates in all the fingers, the indications are of a literal mind, an abhorrence, as well as a fear of exaggeration, even on trivial subjects. Such a one distrusts instinct and puts all his reliance on reason.

Conic Tips

The Conic tips taper slightly at the base of the fingers. The finger tips are rounded.

The Conic tips indicate love of art and perfection. The Conic nature is artistic, impulsive, intuitive, quick and impressionable. Persons with Conic tipped fingers are usually very quick mentally, especially on subjects that appeal to the imagination. Such a one is very responsive to color, to music, to eloquence, and to all forms of beauty. They have what amounts to a talent for appreciation.

Such tips are often easily influenced and for that reason are not always constant in love affairs. Their pleasure-loving, easy-going natures, coupled with their natural refinement makes them most attractive companions.

Where the index finger is conic, there is quick apprehension, intuition, love for beauty in all shapes and forms.

Where the second finger is conic (and this is rarely the case), the indications are of frivolity and carelessness.

Where the third finger is conic, there is artistic feeling and intuition.

Where the little finger is conic, there is eloquence, tact, diplomacy.

Where the conic shape predominates in all the fingers, there is talent, quickness of mind and great intuitiveness. These qualities are intensified where the palm is firm, well textured and of a delicate pink color

Pointed Tips

Pointed tips are so designated because they are long, narrow and excessively pointed. These tips are usually found on the hands of individuals purely visionary. They have little idea of how to be practical, business-like or logical. They are easily influenced by others and have no idea of order, punctuality or discipline. All forms of magic and mystery attract them. These individuals have the intuitive faculties highly developed and are good as sensitives, mediums or clairvoyants.

This extreme type tip is very rare. Its very fineness and beauty indicates its want of energy and strength. These

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Conic (Artistic)

Square

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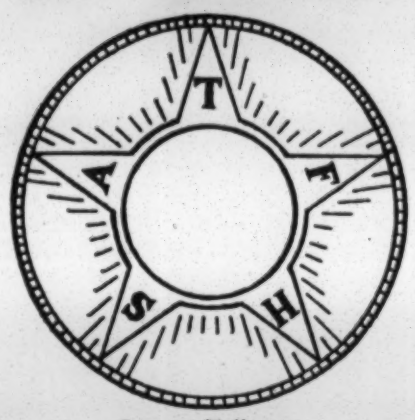

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E.R.W.H., Ill.—The name as given at birth shows the Positive Moon Vibration by its symbol Seven and is harmoniously energized by the birth Vibration (Mars) whose symbol is Nine. With this combination you could be a leader in public affairs or contacting the public. The present signature is also good, indicating energetic, artistic inclinations. The birth chart also shows organizing and promoting ability, generosity, leadership and a keen interest in the public. You think along lines of public contact and should go far toward distinction and success.

F.F.D., Calif.—Your present form of signature is not good. It shows worry, limitation, misfortune. The full name is no better, rather worse. The most harmonious way would be to use the middle initial with the first and last name. This would give a more optimistic, expansive and increasant vibration. Your residence number is destructive and inharmonious also. Your birth symbol shows you would do well as an entertainer, speaker, caterer or similar activity.

E.A., Ill.—You are somewhat timid and indecisive, have an inclination to travel and have artistic instincts. You would do best to use a signature with your husband's initials, C. A. With this you would be much interested in intellectual pursuits and educational activities.

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H.V.M., Mo.—The events you give place your birth at about 10 A. M. Have a progressed horoscope cast for that time and check results.

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G.E., Ill.—That proposition is no good; you will know it by the time this is published. Another one that is favorable will come in its place soon.

F.F.H., Ind.—I told you earlier in the year your political party would lose; you should have made a change then. No improvements are shown now until September, 1937.

R.W.F., Wis.—Snap out of it. Get interested in someone else. An interesting love affair this spring.

P.L., La.—Memphis is very fortunately located for you. You should succeed with your venture there beyond your expectations.

Experience of Chas. McDermott — (*Continued from page 4*)

the exact responsibility of each individual and his relationship to the cause.

In the last analysis the individual is given an opportunity carrying a degree of *mastership* to reconstruct their life—to choose, so to speak, the interests they are best fitted for. Being very fond of music and art I decided to investigate and determine, if I could, the basic principles which gave to one man seemingly more gifts than to another, and I found this law—that man is a triune being. He is born symmetrically perfect. He possesses all the elements—all the colors—all the sounds in the universe. Through his sight—through his ears and his touch, he fashions and brings into concrete form the image he is able to master—be they many or be they few. Physical defects, physical environments which hinder progress, do so only when physical comprehension dominates. This is the answer to the many questions which stand out concerning the human race. You have the master musician—you have the master artist, and you have the master criminal—all hostages of the physical environment under the influence of one which one might term the animal mind, yet each life independent and free, produces only that which is perfect in Life, freed from the handicaps.

Each life rejoices in its freedom and seeks its counterpart in the great symphony of Life, searching the harmonies of Life and the perfecting of desires to become one with the stupendous whole. The world of pain has no comprehension of the magnitude of Life to those who seek the understanding and the harmony of the great universal law. I am free because I sought the greater understanding of Life. I remain free because I *still* seek the greater understanding of Life. I shall always be free because I shall continue to seek the greater understanding of Life.

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Japan

The lust for expansion spurs this country into many mistakes. The Emperor has a bad horoscope and will have some serious things to overcome at home and abroad. Earthquakes, floods, typhoons or other elemental disturbances work havoc with this nation at times through 1937. The world will be sympathizing with Japan one minute and censoring it the next.

WORLD OUTLOOK
January, 1937

Many valuable improvements occur through the United States. The work of Congress will be speeded up and wide-felt laws will be passed amid cheering and complaints. The weather is severe in some parts, but some sections, which experienced severe winter last year, will not suffer so much this year.

Europe has some terrific scandal to answer for. An ultimatum is announced to the world by Central powers of the Continent.

England goes quietly ahead with extensive plans and will announce no drastic measures until after the coronation of the King.

Money conditions the world over are better. Travel is extensive. Prosperity seems to beckon the world to new heights of ambition. Some few aviation casualties are indicated. Sudden news from South America startles the world.

JANUARY, 1937
For the Zodiacal Signs

ARIES

(For those born between Mar. 21-April 19)

Unexpected gains. Sudden trips. Favors from friends and others. Improvement in income. News of illness and bereavement. Revival of old ambitions. Success in your undertakings. Good for beginning new things. Social or professional recognition some way.

TAURUS

(For those born between April 20-May 20)

Sudden improvements in income. Greater opportunities for success. Idealistic home life. Offer of a trip. Discarded hopes will be revived. Chances to earn more money. Likely a new source of income is presented. Happy conclusions to delayed ambitions.

GEMINI

(For those born between May 21-June 21)

Dawn comes. Relief from unhappy conditions of the past. Much more activity in every way is shown. Popularity among friends. Hopes are revived. Ambitions soar. Opportunity for trips. Happy termination to some friendship affairs. Improved health and courage.

CANCER

(For those born between June 22-July 22)

A time to rest and relax. Plan nothing important. Shun arguments. Make no drastic changes. Stick to usual routine. Avoid melancholia and worry. Overcome nervousness and irritable tendencies. Prevent accidents in traffic. Postpone travel. Ask no important favors.

LEO

(For those born between July 23-Aug. 22)

Subjective influences seem to hold you in their grip. Do not squirm. Resign yourself to a month of commonplace events. Postpone urgent things. Avoid accidents in travel: delay trips if possible. Minor expenses come up occasionally: not heavy ones, though. Guard health.

VIRGO

(For those born between Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Hopes mature. Gains and increases come through personal industry. Take advantage of travel opportunities. Engage in new things. Promote those things nearest your heart. Thrills in friendships. Happy home conditions. Surprise visits. News by mail. Good health.

LIBRA

(For those born between Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

The staid influences of the past are relieved. New courage possesses you. Romance and adventure look encouraging. Offers of new work or increase in income. Happy personal and social life. Favors from those in office above you. Mix with the public more than usual.

SCORPIO

(For those born between Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Slightly disheartening influences prevail. Take no risks or chances with health. Strive to keep cheerful. Overcome a gloomy mental attitude. Safeguard your health by strict hygiene. Do no speculating. Have patience with others. Overcome critical attitudes.

SAGITTARIUS

(For those born between Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Will be inclined to go to extremes in feelings and actions. Beware of hasty decisions. Guard your speech. Protect reputation. Shun all arguments and misunderstandings. Mix with happy-minded people. Investigate the occult

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Handwriting — (*Continued from page 16*)

The finals on the words have a good deal to do with establishing of the fact as to whether or not a person is of a strong or weak character. When the condition of the finals and the formation of the letters prove that the individual in question is of a weak nature it may lead to dissipation because of the inability to withstand temptations.

There are persons who do not want to dissipate or commit any mistakes morally or otherwise. The compactness of the script or the condition of some letters may prove that they are so conservative or cautious that they do not want to take the risk. Yet, if the condition of the strokes is such that it proves they are victims of sensual desires this force may be so strong that it overcomes their prudence. As a rule it is powerful desires plus a weak nature that cannot lead these forces into constructive fields that causes the downfall of most people.

In other people there may be a different trait that tends to offset the desire to dissipate or in some way lead an immoral life. The letter "d" may show that they possess a very strong sense of pride. They want to stand high in the estimation of their friends and are afraid to do anything that will reflect upon themselves. If the desire is strong enough, however, it will overcome their dignity and they will succumb to their secret weaknesses. As a matter of fact there are people who use their personal dignity as a cloak under which they practice their private vice whatever it happens to be.

As has been mentioned before, the desire to obtain possessions is often disclosed in the initial strokes of the words. Evidence of this trait, however, may also be found in the body of the words and the formation of some of the letters. It may be in the letter "y" or in the "w." When this trait is highly developed it discloses a grasping nature. If, at the same time, the formation of the words or the condition of the writing discloses a weak and indefinite character it usually leads to wrongdoing. Such persons are ruled by an intense desire to have and possess things but they are morally weak. As a result they will steal or cheat or use any other conceivable means in order to obtain something upon which they have set their mind. After they have obtained it they may give it away or sell what they have gained in order to satisfy the promptings of another sensual desire.

Persons who are the victims of some weakness or desire that undermines their moral stamina are seldom if ever settled mentally. Their minds are very much like weather-vanes. They swing from one thing to the next and the condition of the base line often proves that it is difficult for them to form a real definite opinion about anything. It is not unusual to find them accepting the ideas of the persons they are with at the moment.

When people of this type once start on the road that leads to moral dissipation it is very difficult for them to turn back. Their desires drive them on and their weak nature prevents them from exerting themselves in the right direction. They naturally find it easier to go on than to make a decided effort to better their position. This in spite of the fact that they often possess talents that could be developed.

This brings to mind the writing of a person who called upon us sometime ago. This particular party possessed talents that could easily have been turned into a certain artistic line of endeavor. As a matter of fact this individual had trained for some time and under capable instructors but nothing came of it. In this instance the strokes in the writing disclosed a tendency toward sensual dissipation. The "m" also proved that the individual in question possessed a very rapid mind. As a result the person concerned was, and still is, of a superficial nature and does not care to make any decided effort to make the most of the natural talents. The formation of the "n" also showed that this individual is easily influenced through the passions and emotions. The crossing of the "t" also disclosed strong will-power and enthusiasm. These two traits should have been strong aids in accomplishing something worth while, but as it was both of these valuable characteristics were used in connection with the desire to dissipate. It all proves that the individual must choose the path to be traveled and whether or not any improvements will be made or any weaknesses overcome.

Thought Storms — (*Continued from page 8*)

behind our flag. It's nothing but right that we should stand on our own ground while our beautiful emblem waves over us, but why drag it through the filth and mire of other nations or take the youth of our beloved nation and offer them as sacrifices?

Some people say, "There always has and always will be wars as long as the earth stands." When we get so far advanced that we think and live right there will be no wars!

Did you ever go out in your garden and cut down the thistles and weeds so that the flowers could grow? Just in the same way must the weeds in our brains be cleaned out so that the flowers of intelligence will thrive and grow. A wave of spiritual intelligence will come sweeping over our little world, washing away the deluding thoughts that have held us in sway too long. We will then be able to see clearly, reach forth and grasp the intellectualism floating about us in the atmosphere, like the weary wanderer who quenches his thirst at the clear cool spring.

We have all been misled, perhaps not always intentionally, in everyday affairs, in politics, as well as in religion.

Ariadne Saves Theseus — (*Continued from page 17*)

mapped by them added the light they had acquired through the work of Arcturus.

Then when the last switch on the circuit was thus closed, a cannon boomed and millions of lights, suddenly becoming incandescent, transformed the growing darkness into a dazzling splendor.

From this marvel of modern science we can with advantage turn to the first miracle recorded by St. John, the significance of which also, we may be sure, is revealed by its correspondence in the sky. Virgo, the sign of the mother, is adjacent to Libra, the sign of marriage. And it will be remembered that the mother of Jesus attended a marriage. Servants also are ruled by Virgo and His mother instructed the servants to do whatever He should ask of them.

In its annual circuit of the heavens as indicated by the keeper of the vineyard, Bootes, it is when the Sun enters Virgo that the harvest ripens and the water drawn from the earth into the grapes swelling on the vine is converted into juice which is suitable for wine. The decanate thus pictured by the vineyardist is the earthy decanate of an earthy sign and thus closely allied to stone. Virgo also is the sixth sign of the zodiac. The six waterpots of stone which Jesus commanded the servants to fill with water and which he converted into wine of excellent flavor, indicate that this event and those transformations within the character of man which correspond to it are pictured by the constellation Bootes.

Thus the turning of water into wine by the Sun each fall and the miracle performed by Jesus, both convey a spiritual teaching. Even steep hillsides and rocky soil may be utilized in raising grapes. So also even when circumstances offer scant footing and hard rough obstacles are on every hand, it is possible to cultivate the finest traits of character.

Jesus did not ask the servants to go to the village and get some special materials out of which to make the wine. He used that which already was at hand. Nor is it necessary for those who would develop the powers of their souls to seek special settings or unusual circumstances. All the materials necessary for the finest quality of soul growth are everywhere present and can be changed into spiritual qualities of the finest vintage. In fact, even as the wine which Jesus formed out of what happened to be at hand was of finer flavor than that which had been made under other conditions, so the spiritual qualities which are derived from a proper attitude toward the everyday experiences of life are of superior quality to those which are acquired through going into retirement or seeking other special surroundings which many consider so essential to their development.

While the constellation Bootes thus explains the significance of the miracle of changing water into wine in six pots of stone, this does not reveal the significance of the spear which the Vineyardist holds in one of his hands. Its meaning can be comprehended better through a story from the Greeks, a story also in which a woman, typical of celestial Virgo, takes a prominent part.

It seems that in the time of Minos, second king of Crete, there was a monster, half bull and half man, called the Minotaur, which as confined in a celebrated labyrinth. The bull part, of course, refers to the rule of Taurus over money; and the man part to the science and knowledge of the Man, Aquarius. In modern words, it was the monster of commercial exploitation.

To keep this monster pacified it was necessary each year to import some of the fairest youths and maidens from Athens for the Minotaur to devour. Among one such consignment of Athenian youths sent to the island was Theseus, who already had been successful in catching and killing, in his home land, a wild bull, called the Bull of Marathon. He had made up his mind to get rid of this Cretan monster also; and it was for this purpose that as Bootes he carries the spear which is pictured in the sky.

But just as at the present day the whole problem of money is involved in a maze of conflicting doctrines and opinions from which the most skilled economists seem unable to free the world, so a problem of equal importance to vanquishing the greedy Minotaur was that of being able to find the way out of the labyrinth once the monster had been slain. It was a difficulty which gravely puzzled Theseus.

It so happened, however, that Minos, king of Crete, had a daughter, Ariadne, who fell in love wth Theseus as soon as he landed on Cretan soil. Pictured as Virgo in the sky, she had the Virgo trait of keen analysis. And it was she who devised the means by which, should her sweetheart triumph in his conflict underground, he should not wander about in the maze of bewildering caverns until he starved, but would be able to find his way back into the light of day.

She furnished him with a clew of thread—an incident which to this day makes the term clew significant of a hint which followed leads to the solution of a mystery or an intricate problem—one end of which she fastened at the opening of the cave. As he descended the long tortuous passage he unwound the thread. As was to be expected, after a time he encountered the vicious Minotaur, which rushed suddenly upon him. But he was armed with the spear, which still he carries in the sky and after a terrific battle the monster was slain.

Then came the task of finding his way back to where his beloved Ariadne anxiously awaited him. Carefully, as he walked and as he climbed over jagged rocks and worked around corners where the network of passages interlaced, he reeled in the line, ever following it

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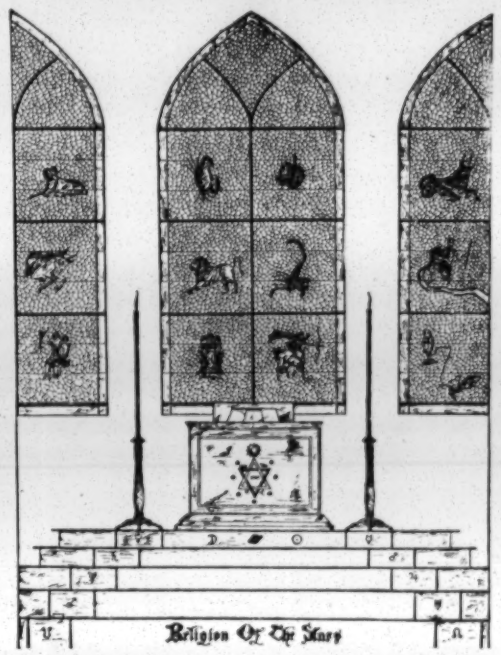

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Bringing Your Stars to You — (*Continued from page 26*)

and unravel the mysterious things around you.

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(For those born between Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Restlessness. Worry over unnecessary things. Health may be slightly undermined: prevent colds, chills, etc. Delay important ventures. Slight domestic misunderstandings may occur: not serious, however. Unsteady financial conditions: some change is noted in money affairs.

PISCES
(For those born between Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Productive influences prevail for you. Make the best of many opportunities to use your skill. Investments turn out well. New ways to earn money are shown. Favors from superiors or those above you in station of life. Promotion in work. Favorable health.

The Priceless Necklace — (*Continued from page 14*)

that I, too, saw and heard her and together we again tried to solve a mystery. He remarked that he thought the place must be haunted and that he was in favor of moving. Needless to say, neither of us slept that night.

The following morning we related our experience to our landlady, who, by the way, is a Spiritualist, and to her it did not seem such an unusual and strange event, but rather one that might again be duplicated. I showed her the repaired necklace and took it to work with me, as I wanted the jeweler in the building where I was employed to examine it. I related my story to him and he assured me, after careful examination of the necklace, that human hands could not have repaired it, for there was not a trace of where the links had been united. The chain was a thick one and one that would be very difficult to repair.

Needless to say that this necklace soon became the talk of the neighborhood. The news of its miraculous repair and the visit of my daughter spread like wild fire.

My son is still living in St. Louis, where he has employment, and I am married again and living in Jefferson City.

I do not know what the future holds for me. I find myself constantly wishing that I might gaze into a crystal and learn whether or not my beloved daughter will ever return to me. Two years have passed and she has not returned again and she perhaps will not do so, but of one thing I am thoroughly convinced—that the dead can return in visible form.

Finger Tips Interpreted — (*Continued from page 21*)

tips are more alive to feelings, instincts and impressions than any other type.

In dealing with all classes of tips, the color of the hand, the texture of the skin and the consistency of the palm must be borne in mind.

Color of Hand

The normal color of the hand is shell pink. This color bespeaks a temperament that is hopeful and enthusiastic, one tempered by common sense and discretion.

A cold white color indicates the temperament that is unsympathetic and often egotistical.

A yellow color indicates the pessimistic nature, one who invariably looks on the dark side of things.

A red color indicates a nature that is a hard task-master.

Texture of Skin

Fine textured skin indicates a refined, sensitive, beauty-loving nature, whereas a coarse textured skin speaks of a more aggressive, vigorous nature.

Consistency of the Palm

Soft hands bespeak a love of ease, whereas firm hands speak of energy and determination.

The energy shown by the consistency of the hand, as well as a strong thumb, is necessary to bring out the greatest possibilities of the individual tips, by which is meant that a soft hand will make the Spatulate tip only a lover of action, not one to indulge in it. A soft hand will also decrease the force of a square tip and add much to the idealism of the pointed tips.

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Ariadne Saves Theseus — (*Continued from page 29*)

through the darkness, never losing the sense of its touch.

Great was the joy of Ariadne when at last he appeared again above the ground, and great was the joy of the Athenians who no longer would be compelled to sacrifice the fairest youths of their land to the demands of this hideous creature.

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Are we not all confined as Theseus was, within a labyrinth of conflicting doctrines? Most of these are blind passages leading nowhere through the dark. Theories abound, crisscrossing each other in a network so intricate that unless one has some clue to guide one to the light, about all that can be done is just to wander about amid darkness and confusion.

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Tremendous Trifles — (*Continued from page 12*)

will make men choose with care their occupations. Had Caligula applied *this one thing I do* to his life he would have lived a life of love and peace and happiness instead of hate and murder and misery. Caligula loved neither God nor man; he lived to hate and to be hated; he worked hate and misery into the lives of everyone near him. His main form of entertainment was to have victims of his spleen tortured and murdered while he dined and drank. He said that he wished all the Roman people had but one neck so that he might decapitate Rome at a blow. He built a bridge of ships to outdo Xerxes and to celebrate the achievement he gave a banquet in the middle of the bridge. He caused hundreds of his people to gather there to partake of his cheer, and after the bridge was filled he caused them all to be drowned. This inhuman monster who lived only to devise new means for murdering his people, finally met death by assassination. His life had been one of hate and fear; his death was also one of hate and fear.

Caligula inspired only hate in the minds of his people. He was hated because he was feared. No one could find a reason for loving Caligula because he was feared. Love and fear can not incorporate. Where fear is, love is not. If you would have men love you, do not inspire them with fear. Fear is a negative inspiration. Rather, when you deal with men, act and think as though *this one thing you do* will be your last mortal act. I believe if you think thus, the act and the word is bound to be one of love *not* hate.

(*Continued next month*)

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